

WHISTLER PORTRAIT, \$25,200.

PICTURE OF IRVING AS PHILIP OF SPAIN BRINGS IT.

Auction of the Actor's Pictures and Drawings—Total Realized for the First Day Is \$40,000—Sargent's Portrait of Miss Terry as Lady Macbeth Brings \$6,300.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.
LONDON, Dec. 16.—The greatest crowd ever seen at Christie's assembled this afternoon for the sale of the late Sir Henry Irving's pictures and drawings. Many were compelled to leave the salerooms on account of the heat and crush. The prices corresponded fairly to the value of the objects sold, though a few sold very cheaply.

The chief sensation of the day was the sale of Whistler's portrait of Irving as Philip of Spain. The picture realized \$25,200. The buyer's name was given as Stevenson Brown. He stood in a crush of people, and nobody at Christie's knew anything about him. It was rumored that he was acting for C. L. Freer, of Detroit. It is said that an American offered the Irving family \$25,000 for the portrait a few days ago. The price then asked for it was \$20,000.

John S. Sargent's portrait of Miss Ellen Terry as Lady Macbeth, the first of this artist's portraits ever offered at auction, was bought by a private buyer named Wyatt, for \$6,300, which was less than it was expected to bring. The only other painting that brought over \$1,500 was J. Zoffany's portrait of David Garrick, which sold for \$2,205.

Other sales were: "Roses in a Bowl," by J. Alden Weir of New York, \$37.50; three pictures by Alma Tadema—"A Street in Rome," "Antium" and "The Interior of a Palace," together, \$4,900; twenty-two designs of armor and costumes for the play of "King Arthur," by Sir E. Burne-Jones, \$285; J. Jefferson, as "Bob Acres," by Thomas Nast, \$57.50; "A Woody Landscape," by J. Jefferson, 1893, \$45; "At Marble Head Neck, Massachusetts," by J. H. Smillie of New York, \$12.50; "Autumn Near the Sea, Coast of Massachusetts," by the same, \$12.50; Church Scene in "Muth Ado About Nothing," by J. Forbes Robertson, \$290; portrait of David Garrick, by N. Dance, \$420; portrait of J. Jefferson, by J. Jefferson and Eugene, \$75; portrait of John Fawcett, by Sir M. A. Shee, \$575. The total of the day's sales was \$46,000.

HAD LEGS CUT OFF FOR MONEY.

Man Lay in Front of Train So as to Bring Suit and Get a Reward.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.
LONDON, Dec. 16.—A suit brought against the Taff Vale Railway for compensation for injuries has revealed an example of nerve for which it is difficult to find a parallel. The plaintiff claimed that the jolt of a train threw him against a door, which opened and allowed him to fall across the track. The train passed over both his legs, which had to be amputated.

The company produced evidence which left no trace of doubt that the plaintiff had not travelled by the train, but had deliberately placed his legs over the tracks and allowed the train to run over them for the sake of getting compensation from the company and £500 from the proprietors of a periodical which offers that sum to its readers if any of them loses both legs above the ankles in a railway accident while in possession of the paper.

When the plaintiff was found he was perfectly conscious. He produced three pocket handkerchiefs, each of which he showed the man who found him how to make a tourniquet. The man himself properly adjusted the bandage. The fact that there was not the slightest mark on either his body or his clothes, although he weighs 210 pounds and the train from which he claims to have fallen was travelling at the rate of 30 miles an hour, aroused suspicion and inquiries followed. A mass of evidence was produced showing that the man ran the risk of losing his life and the certainty of great suffering simply for the sake of the money he might get in the way of compensation.

NO RIVAL WOMEN IN DRESS.

London Trade Paper Thinks King Edward's Toggery Is Significant.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.
LONDON, Dec. 16.—The Tailor and Cutter in the trade journal which claims to know all that there is to know of things sartorial, declares that men will soon rival women in the brilliancy of their raiment. The King, of course, is supposed to be the fount of man's fashion, and the paper describes his Majesty's costume during his recent stay at Sandringham as "very showy," consisting of a drab Norfolk jacket, knickerbockers, hose, gaiters and a scarlet tam o' shanter.

The scarlet headress is apparently what is to influence the male Britons' garments, and the Tailor and Cutter points to the brilliancy of the latest waistcoats, the buttons of which, according to this authority, are not only jewels, but a few of them are frequently reproductions in miniature of famous works of art or the most beautiful female portraits by such artists as Gainsborough and Romney.

JAIL FOR MAJOR MOLFORD.

Gets Six Years for Embezzling from the American Bank in Manila.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.
MANILA, Dec. 16.—H. B. Molford, formerly Major in the Thirty-ninth Regiment, United States Volunteers, was sentenced to-day to six years imprisonment on conviction on three charges of embezzling funds of the American Bank. He will take an appeal to the Supreme Court.

Molford was manager of the bank, which failed last May. He founded it in 1902, after leaving the service of the United States. In June the bank examiners found that he had taken \$40,000 of the bank's money, and concealed the theft by forging the names of Chinese merchants to four promissory notes aggregating that amount.

JAP PRISONERS GOING HOME.

Emperor William Sends Them Flowers and Cigarettes in Berlin.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.
BERLIN, Dec. 16.—Fifty-nine Japanese officers and 1,725 rank and file passed through Berlin to-day from Russia, where they had been prisoners, on their way to Hamburg. Thence they will be sent to Japan. The Kaiser sent them chrysanthemums, choicest and cigarettes.

The officers complained of the treatment they received in Russia, where they were kept for a year in a small country village without newspapers, cigarettes or home assistance.

HOME OF THE BLACKMAILER.

British Judge in Sentencing a Prisoner Refers to England as Such.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.
LONDON, Dec. 16.—Judge Phillimore in sentencing a prisoner at the Old Bailey this week, remarked: "It is said that England, with all her virtues, is the home of the blackmailer."

What to buy for Christmas—

Mount Vernon

Square Whisky

IN

Square Bottles

The

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EQUAL POWERS IN MOROCCO.

Premier Rouvier Says France Does Not Desire to Exercise Sovereignty.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.
PARIS, Dec. 16.—In the Chamber of Deputies to-day Premier Rouvier read a declaration in which he recalled the signing of the Franco-German protocol on Sept. 28. The Yellow Book, he said, gives evidence of the legitimacy of the action of France, which sought to obtain from the Sultan of Morocco assurance of the security of the frontiers, but the Gaghzen had been powerless.

The Powers recognized the fact that anarchy was threatened, and it was then that the Kaiser intervened, supporting the Sultan's demand for an international conference. France accepted the proposition. The action of the French Minister, Taillandier, at Fez had never been aimed at the installation of a system similar to that in operation in Tunis. Taillandier had never asserted that he had mandatory powers. France had never sought to touch the Sultan's sovereignty.

"We have a right to make clear at the conference at Algiers the special quality of our rights in Morocco," the Premier said, "to maintain in North Africa our position as a Musselman power and to watch that our authority is not disregarded. We desire a liberal régime, assuring equal commercial treatment to all the Powers."

M. Rouvier's declaration produced an excellent effect upon the Chamber and the debate was adjourned. There is a rumor that Deputy Paul Deschanel will probably become shortly the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

ART WORKS IN POPE'S CHAPEL.

Series of Rare Coffers Discovered at the Head of the Holy Stairs.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.
ROME, Dec. 16.—An interesting discovery has been made in the Sancta Sanctorum, or chapel at the head of the Holy Stairs, at St. John Lateran, which it was supposed contained no secrets. The Holy Stairs lead to a tiny chapel which was formerly for the private use of the Popes. Here coffers have been discovered, which, on examination, proved to be most precious antique and unique works of art and have raised a stir in art circles. There are many of various sizes.

All are made of solid silver and are deeply chiseled in the best manner and date from the second and third century. One which formerly held a piece of the true cross is in the shape of a cross and its value is almost inestimable.

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IRON IN BUILDINGS UNSAFE?

British Architects Doubt Its Durability—Dangers Pointed Out.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.
LONDON, Dec. 16.—The collapse of the roof of the Charing Cross station is causing a serious discussion as to the advisability of the use of iron in modern buildings. A leading British architect, T. G. Jackson, in discussing the matter declares that iron construction is still on trial and that in many respects we have only reached the experimental stage.

Mr. Jackson points out that the life of an iron structure exposed to the weather depends absolutely and solely upon the thin skin of paint which must be constantly renewed, but there are necessarily many parts which cannot be reached by the paint brush, but to which water can penetrate. Mr. Jackson questions the claim that a coating of cement and concrete renders steel impervious, and draws attention to the danger of miles of London housefronts which are entirely carried by iron girders, saying that the mere condensation that will take place on cold metal at changes in temperature is enough to do the mischief, and as the mischief is covered from sight its progress cannot be detected.

Mr. Jackson concludes: "It is reported that an engineer has prophesied that no one will use iron or steel in a building thirty years hence. I feel sure that no architect who wishes a building to live should use it now. He would do wisely to exclude it except in such minor matters as ties, bolts, plates to stiffen the timbers or small girders to carry the floors. When so used iron is a valuable servant, but it makes a very bad master."

ASKS VENEZUELA TO HOLD OFF.

Newspaper Advises Her Not to Send Delegates to Pan-American Meeting.

From THE SUN Correspondent at Caracas.
CARACAS, Dec. 16.—The Constitution editorially advises Venezuela not to attend the forthcoming Pan-American conference because of the unreasonableness of the opposition to the Caracas Government and the imputations cast upon its motives.

The dispute between Venezuela and the French Cable Company will now cease to be a diplomatic question between France and Venezuela, in view of President Castro's offer to withdraw the counter protest which he made to France in answer to the French complaint of his treatment of M. Taigny, the French Charge d'Affaires at Caracas.

SPAIN'S TREASURY DEPLETED?

Republican Deputy Charges Trickery in the Stamping of Bonds.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.
MADRID, Dec. 16.—Señor Salvador, Minister of Finance, yesterday explained the basis of the proposed modification of the customs tariff. Señor Soriano, Republican deputy, interpellated the Government regarding the stamping of Spanish bonds, undertaking to prove that the treasury had been defrauded of 20,000,000 pesetas (\$6,750,800).

English Steamship Ecuador Ashore.

From THE SUN Correspondent at Panama.

PANAMA, Dec. 16.—The English steamer Ecuador, from Guayaquil for Panama, is ashore at Ballenita, Ecuador, and it is feared that she will be a total loss. Her sister ship, the Peru, has been unable to pull her off. There is no danger of any loss of life, owing to the proximity of the port.

LA FOLLETTE ABOUT TO RESIGN.

Wisconsin's Governor Expected to Give Up His Present Office on Tuesday.

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 16.—The change in Governorship pending since the election of R. M. La Follette to the United States Senate last Tuesday will probably take place next Tuesday. The Legislature, quite unexpectedly, finished up practically all the work mapped out for the special session yesterday, and will meet again at noon next Tuesday, giving the Governor the customary three days for considering bills.

As Mr. La Follette said in his message that he would resign during or at the end of the special session his resignation may be expected then. His supporters place no credence in the report that he will decline the Senatorship because certain of his measures failed of enactment. He attached no conditions to the statement that he would resign.

Mail Your Registered Package Early.

Postmaster Wilcox, realizing how unsatisfactory to the public it is to have Christmas gifts which are sent by registered mail fail to reach those for whom intended until after Christmas Day, advises the posting of all such matter as early as possible. Special arrangements have been made by the Post Office to forward this week all mail of this character intended for delivery in other cities throughout the country.

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TUNNEL FOREMAN LOCKED UP

Maurice Keating Accused of Voting Where He Didn't Live—Heavy Bail.

Maurice Keating, foreman for Pearson Bros., the contractors for the East River tunnel, was arrested yesterday on a charge of having voted illegally at the last election. The complainant was Dr. Joseph H. Byrne of 34 West Forty-fifth street.

The accused gave his address in court as 141 West Sixty-second street. The complaint charged him with voting in the Seventh Election district of the Fifteenth Assembly district. He gave his address at the polls, it was alleged, as 822 West Forty-seventh street.

When Keating went to the polls his right to vote was challenged by Dr. Byrne, who was a watcher for the Municipal Ownership League. The election board permitted the man to vote and did not require him to swear in his ballot. The case was afterward reported to the Attorney-General's office and an investigation was made. Deputy Attorney-General Walsh asked Magistrate Crane to set the hearing down for Monday. The Court did so and asked if \$500 bail would be satisfactory to the prosecution.

"We ask for high bail," replied Mr. Walsh. "Three men who were under light ball from that same Assembly district have slipped, and we are insisting upon strong sureties now."

The Magistrate fixed bail at \$2,000. It was then 12 o'clock, the hour at which court closes on Saturdays. The Magistrate said he would wait half an hour for the defendant's bondsmen to appear. The bondsmen didn't show up within that time, and Keating was taken to the court prison.

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NOTE.—The catalogue of the collection was compiled by Mr. H. C. PETTERSON, Curator of the Leland Stanford, Jr., Museum.

MARRIED IN SPITE OF THE BANK.

Clerk Gives Up \$600 Job Rather Than His Betrothed Sweetheart.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 16.—The culmination of a pretty romance was the marriage of Miss Nellie Straub, of Pittman Grove and John E. Hewitt, 3940 Pine street, at the Pittman Grove Methodist Church to-day. Hewitt was formerly employed by a downtown bank in this city at \$600 a year. When the bank officials heard of Hewitt's approaching marriage they refused to recognize the love in a cottage scheme, and said it was preposterous for him to think of marrying on such a pittance. The young man was informed that if he married he would have to seek another place, which he promptly did.

GRANDDAD'S THE ENGINEER

And Grandson the Fireman—Age and Youth Run Penna. Locomotive.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 16.—Engineer George Small, aged 70, had the distinction to-day of running his engine on the Northern Central Railroad with his grandson, Charles Small, acting as fireman. Trainmen here say the event is unprecedented in the history of railroading in this State. The elder Small is to retire on a pension in two weeks.

TOOK HIS TEACHER'S MONEY.

The Charge Brought Against Little Michael Curley of School 37.

Ten-year-old Michael Curley, whose parents live at 279 South First street, Williamsburg, annoyed his teacher, Miss Dora Sullivan, in Public School 37, South Fourth and Berry streets, on Friday afternoon, and for punishment he was obliged to remain after the class was dismissed. During the temporary absence of Miss Sullivan from the classroom Curley, it was alleged, went up to her desk and took \$30 from her purse. Miss Sullivan didn't miss the money until after he had gone. She went to the Bedford avenue police station and complained to Capt. Pinkerton, who put Detective Meehan and Collins on the case. They came to the conclusion that Curley was the thief, but hadn't the slightest evidence. When they went to his home yesterday morning the boy denied any knowledge of Miss Sullivan's money.

The detectives searched his clothes and in the lining of his coat they found the money. The boy was arrested and at the police station a charge of grand larceny was made against him. He was then taken to the shelter of the Children's Society to be arraigned in the Children's Court to-morrow.

After the boy was taken away from the

police station Miss Sullivan seemed to regret her act. She asked the police could the prosecution of the boy be deferred until after Christmas, as she had no desire to make his Christmas holiday unhappy. She was advised to appear in court to-morrow and make her request to the Magistrate.

Xmas Tip

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